

HCS HBs 1126 & 932 -- INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ANESTHESIA SERVICES

SPONSOR: Hruza

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Insurance by a vote of 13 to 0.

The following is a summary of the House Committee Substitute for HBs 1126 & 932.

This bill prohibits health carriers or health benefit plans from establishing or implementing any policy or practice that imposes a time limit for the payment of anesthesia services provided during a medical or surgical procedure. Moreover, health carriers or health benefit plans are prohibited from establishing or implementing any policy that restricts or excludes all anesthesia time in calculating the payment of anesthesia services. Excepted benefit plans will be subject to the requirements of this bill.

This bill contains an emergency clause.

The following is a summary of the public testimony from the committee hearing. The testimony was based on the introduced version of the bill.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill is about patient protection. There shouldn't be any limits put on anesthesia coverage because you don't know how long a surgery will take. Insurance companies should not be dictating patient care.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Hruza; Mercy Healthcare Systems; Jefferson City Medical Group; Missouri State Medical Association, Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeon; Missouri Gastroenterology Society, Missouri State Orthopaedic Association; Arnie Dienoff; and Susan Lava-Parmeale, Missouri Society of Anesthesiologist.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.